

**16.10 AANVULLENDE RAPPORT 4b – DEPUTATE EKUMENISITEIT
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<p>1. Reformed Church Japan (RCJ) Ekumeniese eenheid</p> <p>1.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p> <p>1.1.1 Die GKSA vaardig 'n Deputaat af om die Sinode van die RCJ in 2016 te Sendai by te woon wanneer die RCJ sy 70ste bestaansjaar vier.</p> <p>1.1.2 Ekumeniese eenheid in leer diens en tug word herbevestig.</p> <p>1.1.3 Dat gesprekke oor die interpretasie van ekumeniese eenheid tussen die GKSA en die RCJ voortgaan.</p> <p>1.1.4 Die te benoemde Deputate ontvang opdrag om die Rapport en die besluit van die RCJ aangaande vroue in die ampte van ouderlinge en predikante te bestudeer en aanbevelings daarvoor te maak oor hoe dit die verhouding tussen die GKSA en die RJC raak. Vanweë die laat stadium van die RCJ se Sinode was daar nie genoegsame tyd om die Rapport en die besluit behoorlik te bestudeer en by hierdie Sinode daarvoor aanbevelings te kon maak nie.</p> <p>1.1.5 Dat die te benoemde Deputate moontlike samewerking tussen die GKSA en die Teologiese Skool te Kobe, asook die Christelike Universiteit te Tokio fasiliteer.</p> <p>1.1.6 Wyses van sendingsamewerking tussen die GKSA en Missie Japan asook ander kerke met wie die GKSA ekumeniese bande het en wat werkzaam in Japan is, word aan die te benoemde Deputate opgedra.</p> <p><u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag 1.6</i></p> <p>1.2.1 Tydens 'n besoek aan die General Assembly van die RCJ vanaf 11-13 Oktober 2016 is 'n indringende gesprek met Deputate van die RCJ gevoer oor die interpretasie van kerklike eenheid. Die rede vir hierdie gesprekspunt is dat die RCJ die afgelope aantal jare nie tydens besoeke aan Suid-Afrika met die GKSA skakel nie ten spyte van andersins goeie kontak en</p>	<p>1. Reformed Church Japan (RCJ) Ecumenical Unity</p> <p>1.1 <i>Mandate</i></p> <p>1.1.1 The GKSA is to send a Delegate to attend the Synod of the RCJ in 2016 in Sendai, also the RCJ's celebration of its 70th anniversary.</p> <p>1.1.2 Ecumenical unity in doctrine, service and discipline is to be confirmed.</p> <p>1.1.3 Talks over the interpretation of ecumenical unity between the GKSA and the RCJ are to continue.</p> <p>1.1.4 The next Deputies are to review the Report and decision of the RCJ regarding women in the offices of elder and minister to offer recommendations as to how it affects the relationship between the GKSA and the RJC. Due to the late date of the RCJ's Synod, time was not sufficient to study the Report and decision properly and offer recommendations at this Synod.</p> <p>1.1.5 The next Deputies are to facilitate possible cooperation between the GKSA and the Theological School in Kobe as well as the Christian University in Tokyo.</p> <p>1.1.6 Mission collaboration between the GKSA and Mission Japan (MJ) as well as other churches with which the GKSA has ecumenical ties, operating in Japan, is to be investigated.</p> <p><u>To be noted</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Execution of instruction 1.6</i></p> <p>1.2.1 During a visit to the General assembly of the RCJ, from 11-13 October 2016, an in-depth discussion was held with the Deputies of the RCJ over the interpretation of church unity. This topic was raised because of the RCJ's failure to make contact with the GKSA during their visits to South Africa over the past few years, despite otherwise good contact and interaction. Invitations to the GKSA's Synod are</p>
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<p>verhoudinge. Uitnodigings na Sinodes van die GKSA word ook nie altyd opgevolg nie. Dit blyk enersyds dat die RCJ 'n besondere premie plaas op missionale samewerking, en andersyds dat missionale same-werking 'n vergestaltung van eenheid is en dat dit hulle skakeling dienooreenkomstig prioritiseer. In die lig van bogenoemde is gesprek is gevoer met Gideon van der Watt van Missie Japan oor wyses waarop die GKSA konkreet betrokke kan raak by Missie Japan (MJ) se werksaamhede.</p> <p>1.2.2 Die drie-jaarlikse vergadering van Missie Japan het vanaf 25–27 September 2017 te Stilbaai plaasgevind en is op uitnodiging van die bestuur van Missie Japan deur 'n verteenwoordiger van die GKSA bygewoon.</p> <p>1.2.3 Die vergadering van Missie Japan het in 'n hartlike gees plaasgevind en die GKSA is uitgenooi om, hangende 'n besluit van die Sinode, volledig deel te word van Missie Japan se werksaamhede. Die konstitusie van MJ word tans hersien om voorsiening te maak vir die GKSA se inskakeling sou die Sinode daaraan gevolg gee.</p> <p>1.2.4 Deurdat die GKSA formeel inskakel by MJ se funksionering, kan die bande met die RCJ meer konkrete gestaltes aanneem. Die implikasie hiervan sal ook wees dat kerke en individue versoek word om by wyse van gebed en bydraes die werksaamhede van MJ te ondersteun.</p> <p><u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>1.3 <i>Aanbevelings</i></p> <p>1.3.1 In die lig van opdrag 1.6, gaan gespreke met Missie Japan (MJ) ten opsigte van inskakeling by MJ voort.</p> <p>1.3.2 Die Deputate verdiskonteer alle relevante kerkregtelike beginsels vir die GKSA se betrokkenheid by MJ en handel die opdrag binne die raamwerk van ons Kerkorde af.</p>	<p>not accepted either. It would seem that the RCJ places great value on missional cooperation and also that such cooperation represents unity to them, thus determining their priorities in terms of contact. In light of above, the ways in which the GKSA can concretely become involved with MJ was discussed with Gideon van der Watt of MJ.</p> <p>1.2.2 The tri-annual meeting of MJ was held from 25-27 September 2017, in Stilbaai, and a delegate of the GKSA attended upon invitation from MJ.</p> <p>1.2.3 The meeting of MJ was a warm and welcoming and the GKSA was invited, pending the decision of the Synod, to become a fully-fledged part of MJ's activities. Its constitution is in the process of being amended to provide for the inclusion of the GKSA, should the Synod grant the necessary approval.</p> <p>1.2.4 This formal involvement of the GKSA in MJ's activities will enable ties with the RCJ to take on a more concrete form. This would result in requests being made to churches and individuals for supporting MJ by means of prayer and contributions.</p> <p><u>To be decided</u></p> <p>1.3 <i>Recommendations</i></p> <p>1.3.1 In light of instruction 1.6, talks with MJ regarding the involvement of the GKSA are to continue.</p> <p>1.3.2 All relevant canonical principles in terms of the GKSA's involvement with MJ are to be addressed that the instruction may be executed within the framework of the Church Order.</p>
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